

Dear Honorable Members of the Environment Committee,

Therapy companion pets is my focus. Rabbits add happiness as emotional support companions. They are just like the elder person holding a small dog who is a cherished family member. Rabbits are the third-most companion pet surrendered to shelters. My friend took her bonded rabbits to a senior living center for many years. The elder seniors awaited each day Denise would come and the seniors at the center could hold her therapy and emotional support bunnies.

Please vote NO on HB 5295 that establishes a factory-like farming program to slaughter the third-most surrendered and third-most popular family companion pet.

Would you do this to small dogs, factory farm them for consumption?

While the rest of the country has recognized and elevated rabbits as pets, Connecticut is taking a step backward in proposing this initiative.

Thank you for voting NO. I am happy to send images of the therapy rabbits my friend took to the senior center.

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And in Connection with emotional support bunnies brought to senior living centers

Petfinder Listings, Soulmate Rabbit Rescue Waukesha WI

Prior volunteer at local shelter, rabbit socializer, rabbit educator, bunny dating chaperone

Rescue and Sanctuary Status closely affiliated with our DVM